I am sharing some information about myself with the residents of the Town of Bowers as I am running for a council seat in the upcoming election on August 1st.

My name is Shirley Pennington. My husband Phil, my son Brandon, and my daughter Alyssa live at 3049 Main Street. It's the house behind the pond where the annual Canoe Joust used to be held. We have a blended family of 6 kids and just welcomed grandchild number 11 in July.



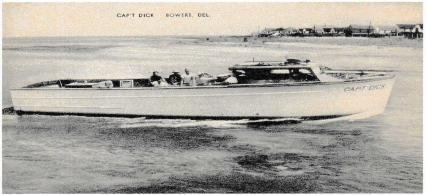


I currently work as an Office Manager for Beachy Transportation. We provide bus and van transportation to the students in the Lake Forest School District. Prior to my current job I was a Secretary for Lloyd Memorials, a certified massage therapist for a pain management doctor, and started out at DelDot where I worked for 19 years.

I graduated from Lake Forest High School and attended college at Del Tech Community College. I have two associate degrees, one in Accounting and one in Business Marketing and Management.

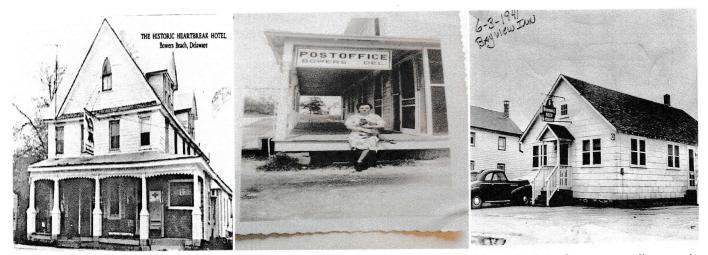
I was born and raised in Bowers Beach and lived across from the museum until I married in 1990 and eventually settled in Harrington. My Daddy, Harold Spayd, owned a charter boat named "Capt Dick" unfortunately he passed away when I was 8 years old. Some of you may have seen a piece of his boat at JPs Wharf, they made it into a boat bar. I have fond memories of being on the boat with him when I was young. I was here at the ribbon cutting and dedication of the Maritime Museum in 1976 and even helped to cut the ribbon. While living in Bowers I joined the fire company and rode the ambulance as much as I could as I always had the desire to help others.





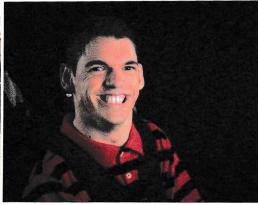
My family owned the three bars in the Town of Bowers. My grandfather, Russell Dean, owned the Heartbreak Hotel which was named by my Aunt Doris Dean. Prior to his purchase of the Heartbreak he owned the building next to JP's wharf which for many years was referred to as the Blinker. My Uncle, Marion Dean, purchased the Bayview. My Uncle, William Dean owned the dock and had a bar where JPs Wharf is today. My Grandmother, Lida

Spayd, was the postmaster for many years when Bowers had their own post office and she ran the Spayd's Inn. Finally the Coast Guard building was named in honor of my Uncle Robert Carson for his dedicated service.



When I had my son in 1992 we learned that he had cerebral palsy and would need a lot of care as well as medical procedures. I learned so much about hospitals, surgery, and caring for a child with special needs. My son has taught me to appreciate the small things in life and to always look for the silver lining in any situation.





After divorcing my Mom and Dad (Step) became ill so I started spending more time in Bowers to take care of them Eventually I and moved back to Bowers in 2004 and Phil and I married in 2005. We purchased the property where we currently live. He became Chief of the Fire Company and eventually I became Auxiliary President, then Treasurer for the Fire Side. Together we worked with the Town of Bowers and the Museum during many of the events that were held such as the Buccaneer Bash and Big Thursday. I eventually went back to class and got my EMT Certification to once again start riding the ambulance.

I joined council in 2009 and was assigned the position of Secretary where I remained until 2017. I worked with Mayor Frenchie, Mayor Ron, and then Vice-Mayor Ada. I left council for a bit but was asked to return so I did in 2018 and have enjoyed working with Mayor Ada, Marty, Ryan. and Bob.

I hope to continue on council and help to do many more great things in the future.

Remember to come out and make your vote count on August 1st from 2 to 7pm at the Bowers Fire Hall.

Thanks for your time!

